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SUBJECT: GOM-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

REF: A)BAMAKO 627(NOTAL); B)BAMAKO 745

- 1. NORTH KOREAN INVITATION TO MALI PRESIDENT APPEARS DESIGNED TO REAFFIRM GOM'S SUPPORT FOR PYONGYANG'S POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE AT UPCOMING NAG SUMMIT IN COLOMBO AND UNGA.
- 2. THOUGH WE ASSUME THAT GOM CANNOT BE DIVERTED FROM THIS COURSE, YOU MIGHT AT YOUR DISCRETION USE THE FOLLOWING APPROACH WITH FONOFF SECGEN SEYDOU TRAORE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM SHOULD APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISE.
- 3. YOU CAN SAY THAT NORTH KOREA EVIDENTLY IS GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER CONFRONTATION AT THE UN OVER THE CONFLICTING CONFIDENTIAL

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MEANS AS TO HOW THE KOREAN ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED. OUR

RESOLUTION LAST YEAR, WHICH UNGA ADOPTED, CONTAINED SEVERAL REASONABLE PROPOSALS THAT CENTERED ON REACHING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WITH ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES INVOLVED. IN THE INTEREST OF AVOIDING ANOTHER STERILE DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE, MALI MIGHT SUGGEST THAT NORTH KOREANS REEXAMINE THESE PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO DIALOGUE WITH OTHER SIDE TO REACH MEANINGFUL SETTLEMENT. WITHHOLDING COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION MIGHT BE BEST WAY FOR MALI TO UNDERLINE THIS SUGGESTION.

- 4. (FYI: WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF OUR HAVING ANY IMPACT ON MALI'S FAVORABLE PREDISPOSITION TOWARD NORTH KOREA, BUT GOM'S REPORTED IRRITATION WITH NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S BEHAVIOR MAY AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS LINE ACROSS. END FYI.)
- 5. AS REQUESTED (REF B), FURTHER SUGGESTIONS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED TOUR D'HORIZON MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. SINCE YOU INTEND TO INCLUDE KOREA IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USING ABOVE APPROACH WITH HIM TOO. KISSINGER

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